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EMBASSY WELCOMES OPPORTUNITY TO CONTRIBUTE TO INR REPORT ON
THE MEMBERS OF THE NON-ALIGNED COORDINATING COMMITTEE, OF
WHICH PERU IS ONE. FOLLOWING CONTRIBUTION IS IN THE FORMAT
OF THE SAMPLE CONTAINED REFTEL.

PERU
HISTORY OF MEMBERSHIP

1. PERU BECAME A FULL MEMBER OF THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT
IN 1973 AT ALGIERS. IT ALSO BECAME A MEMBER OF THE 17-
MEMBER COORDINATING COMMITTEE AT THAT TIME. PERU HOSTED
THE GROUP OF 77 CONFERENCE IN NOVEMBER 1971. IT ALSO HOSTED
AND CHAIRED THE AUGU
N 1975 NAC MINISTERIAL MEETING.

2. THROUGHT ITS NAC MEMBERSHIP, PERU HAS SOUGHT LEADERSHIP
IN THE MOVEMENT. FOR THE LAST FEW YEARS, PERU'S ACTIVE
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PARTICIPATION IN THE MOVEMENT HAS BEEN INCREASINGLY IDENTIFIED
WITH ITS FOREIGN MINISTER, GENERAL MIGUEL ANGEL DE LA FLOR
VALLE.

REASONS FOR MEMBERSHIP

3. A REVOLUTIONAR GOVERNMENT OF THE ARMED FORCES HAS RULED PERU SINCE OCTOBER 3, 1968. THIS GOVERNMENT'S FIRST MANIFESTO CALLED FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF A DEFINITE NATIONALIST ATTITUDE, A CLEARLY INDEPENDENT POSITION, AND FIRM DEFENSE OF NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY AND DIGNITY. THE PLAN OF GOVERNMENT (SUPPOSEDLY DRAFTED IN 1968 BUT LIKELY SIX YEARS LATER), CALLED FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF RELATIONS WITH AND COUNTRY WHEN THIS WOULD BE IN THE NATIONAL INTEREST, AND ACTIVE PARTICIPATION IN THE "THIRD WORLD" GROUP. THE "IDEOLOGICAL BASES OF THE PERUVIAN REVOLUTION", ISSUED IN FEBRUARY, 1975, PROCLAIMED THAT "BECAUSE IT IS INDEPENDENT. . . (PERU) STATES ITS PSITION AS A NON-ALIGNED COUNTRY AND PLACES ITSELF AMONGST THE COUNTRIES OF THE THIRD WORLD". IDEOLOGICALLY, THEN, THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT WAS JUST MADE FOR THE REVOLUTIONARY GOVERNMENT, AND VICE VERSA.

4. ON THE ECONOMIC PLANE, THE GOP PERCEIVES THAT IT GAINS SUPPORT FROM ITS NAC COLLEAGUES PRIMARILY WITH REGARD TO THE CURRENT ISSUES WHICH MAKE UP THE NORTH/SOUTH DIALOGUE. ONE OF PERU'S PRIMARY OBJECTIVES WITHIN THE NAC IS TO GAIN FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR THE GROUP OF COPPER-EXPORTING COUNTRIES, INCLUDING THE FINANCING OF BUFFER STOCKS. TO GARNER SUPPORT FOR THIS GOAL, PERU HAS TAKEN A LEADING ROLE IN CHAMPIONING PRODUCER CARTELS IN GENERAL.

5. IN THE POLITICAL SPHERE, THE GOP SEEKS AND OBTAINS SUPPORT FOR ITS GENERAL POLICY OF LESSENING U.S. INFLUENCE (OR "ENDING ITS DEPENDENCE ON IMPERIALISM"), A NOTABLE FEATURE OF THE PERUVIAN REVOLUTION HAS BEEN THE EXPROPRIATON OF MANY U.S. HOLDINGS IN THIS COUNTRY. NAC PARTNERS HAVE GIVEN PERU MORAL SUPPORT IN ITS DISPUTES WITH THE U.S.

6. THE GOP, WHICH PERCEIVES ITSELF SURROUNDED BY FIVE COUNTRIES WITH RIGHTIST REGIMES, SEES ITS NAC MEMBERSHIP AS A PSYCHOLOGICAL DETERRENT TO ATTACK. THIS IS PARTICULARLY CONFIDENTIAL

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THE CASE WITH REGARD TO CHILE, AN HISTORICAL ENEMY OF PERU.

ISSUES OF IMPORTANCE TO PERU

7. NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER: THE GOP, AS AN EXPORTER OF PRIMARY PRODUCTS SUCH AS COPPER AND IRON, AND AS AN UNDER-DEVELOPED COUNTRY, IS A FIRM SUPPORTER OF THE IDEAS WHICH UNDERLIE THE CALL FOR A NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER. THE CURRENT WORLD ECONOMIC SLUMP IS SEEN BY THE GOP AS THE PRIMARY REASON FOR PERU'S OWN ECONOMIC DIFFICULTIES. EVEN BEFORE THE SLUMP, HOWEVER, THE GOP SUPPORTED ANY MEASURE THAT APPEARED DESIGNED TO BETTER ITS TERMS OF TRADE WITH THE INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES.

8. 200 MILE TERRITORIAL SEA: PERUVIAN CHAMPIONSHIP OF THIS CONCEPT LONG PRE-DATES THE REVOLUTION. HOWEVER, THE CURRENT GOP IS A STRONG SUPPORTER OF TERRITORIAL SEA CLAIMS.

9. ECONOMIC INDEPENDENCE FROM THE U.S: THIS IS A CARDINAL TENET OF REVOLUTIONARY IDEOLOGY. IDEOLOGY IS SOMETIMES, BUT BY NO MEANS CONSISTENTLY, TEMPERED BY THE REALITIES OF THE CONTINUED NEED FOR FOREIGN (MAINLY U.S.) INVESTMENT AND TECHNOLOGY.

10. RESTRUCTURING THE OAS: PERU HAS TAKEN THE LEAD IN SEEKING TO CHANGE THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES AND SPECIFICALLY TO AMEND ITS CHARTER TO MAKE IT A MORE VALUABLE ORGANIZATION THROUGH WHICH TO PURSUE ITS FOREIGN POLICY (MAINLY ECONOMIC) INTERESTS VIS-A-VIS THE U.S.

ISSUES OF IMPORTANCE TO THE U.S.

11. KOREA: PERU HAS ABSTAINED IN VOTES ON THTT KOR
EAN ISSUE
IN THE U.N. AS CHAIRMAN OF THE 1975 NAC, THE PERUVIAN FOREIGN MINISTER PLAYED AN EVEN-HANDED AND MODERATING ROLE IN THE DEBATE ON ADMISSION APPLICATIONS BY THE TWO KOREAS. PERU SEEKS TO AVOID ANTAGONIZING THE U.S. OVER THE KOREAN ISSUE, AND PERCEIVES ECONOMIC BENEFITS FROM ITS CONTINUING DIPLOMATIC AND TRADE RELATIONS WITH THE ROK.

12. THE MIDDLE EAST: PERU ABSTAINED ON THE XIONISM/RACISM
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VOTES IN THE LAST UNGA. ONCE AGAIN, PERU HAS NO IMMEDIATE INTEREST IN MIDDLE EAST ISSUES AND BELIEVES IT WELL TO AVOID NEEDLESSLY ANTAGONIZING THE U.S. OR ISRAEL.

13. PUERTO RICO: THE GOP HAS SOUGHT NOT TO BE COUNTED AGAINST THE U.S. ON THIS ISSUE, EVEN THOUGH IT IS SPONSORED BY CUBA, AND ASSOCIATE OF PERU'S IN THE NAC.

RECEPTIVITY TO U.S. PERSUASION AND INFUENCE

14. UP TO NOW, THE GOP HAS ONLY BEEN RECEPTIVE TO U.S. VIEWS ON ISSUES IN THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT WHEN THOSE ISSUES WERE OF NO REAL CONCERN TO PERU. IN ANY FORUM, INCLUDING THE NAC, WHICH DEALS WITH NORTH/SOUTH ECONOMIC ISSUES PERU IS TO FOUND IN THE VANGUARD IN PRESSING THE DEMANDS OF THE UNDER-DEVELOPED WORLD. ON THE OTHER HAND, THE U.S., AND ITS FRIENDS CAN OBTAIN A PERUVIAN ABSTENTION ON POLITICAL ISSUES INVOLVING THE MIDDLE EAST, KOREA AND PUERTO RICO.

15. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT THE GOP'S FERVOR FOR THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT MAY BE WEAKENING. PRESIDENT MORALES BERMUDEZ' MARCH 31 SPEECH MAY HAVE BEEN A TURNING POINT. IN THE SPEECH SETTING OUT NEW

GUIDLINES FOR THE REVOLUTION, MORALES BERMUDEZ INDICATED THAT PERU, WHICH HE DESCRIBED AS NOW FIRMLY ESTABLISHED AS A THIRD WORLD LEADER, SHOULD DIRECT MORE ATTENTION IN THE FUTURE TO HEMISPHERIC AFFAIRS AND PARTICULARLY TO RELATIONS WITH ITS NEIGHBORS. IN AN UNPRECEDENTED STEP, THE CABINET UNANIMOUSLY ENDORSED THE SPEECH AND FONOFF SOURCES HAVE NOTED TO US THAT THE FOREIGN POLICY SECTION WAS A CLEAR SIGNAL TO DE LA FLOR TO DEVOTE MORE ATTENTION TO HEMISPHERIC AFFAIRS. THERE ARE ALSO INDICATIONS THAT THE GOP HAS SHIFTED THE COURSE OF THE REVOLUTION BACK TOWARD THE CENTER. THIS OVERALL SHIFT COULD TRANSLATE INTO A MORE MODERATE PERUVIAN STANCE WITHIN THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT. THE MAY 30-JUNE 2 ALGIERS CONFERENCE MAY BE INSTRUCTIVE IN THIS REGARD.

16. ONE REASON FOR THE MORE MODERATE AND ANTI-COMMUNIST LINE THAT MORALES BERMUDEZ TOOK LAST MONTH IS PROBABLY THE REALIZATION THAT U.S. AND IFI ASSISTANCE WILL BE REQUIRED TO PUL PERU THROUGH ITS CURRENT ECONOMIC DIFFICULTIES. (THE GOP PROBABLYP CONFIDENTIAL

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OVERESTIMATES USG INFLUENCE OVER THE LENDING PLICIES OF THE IFI'S AND PRIVATE U.S. BANKS.) IT MAY BE POSSIBLE TO MODERATE PERUVIAN POLICIES AND VOTES ON A SOMEWHAT WIDER RANGE OF ISSUES IF THE U.S. LINKS PERUVIAN BEHAVIOR TO OUR WILLINGNESS TO HELP THIS GOVERNMENT ECONOMICALLY. THE RANGE OF ISSUES WILL NOT BE MUCH WIDER, HOWEVER, AND WILL LIKELY NOT INCLUDE THE "BREAD AND BUTTER" ISSUES OF THE NORTH/SOUTH DIALOGUE. DEAN

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